

# MBA

# NEWS and VIEWS

JANUARY 1980

## A VERY SPECIAL PROGRAM

OUR SONS AND ALCOHOL...OUR FAMILIES AND ALCOHOL...OUR COMMUNITY AND ALCOHOL

"The Myths and Realities of the Teenager and Alcohol" will be the theme of an interesting and informative series of three seminars sponsored by MBA and Harpeth Hall.

With some leading authorities in the field of the teenager and alcohol, with panels of students and adults, with actual experiences of parents involved with alcoholic children, and with films, we shall explore the extent of teenage drinking and parental responsibility in dealing with this societal phenomenon.

Please reserve three nights:      February 16  
   February 19  
   February 23

The seminars will begin at 7:30 p.m. each night and conclude right at 9:00 p.m.  
The location: Davis Auditorium, Harpeth Hall campus.

You will receive additional information in the near future.

## STUDENTS TAKING HONORS COURSES AND FIVE COURSES RECEIVE INCREMENT

The investment of energy and time in taking honors courses and five courses is considerable. In order that those students who do have more stringent demands in the classroom may receive some academic recognition, the school will begin next year to give an increment in determining class rank. Henceforth, class rank will not be made public except as necessary in the senior year.

## NEW YEAR -- NEW BEGINNINGS

Each of us has doubtless made New Year's Resolutions--to be more disciplined, to get more exercise, to avoid desserts; the New Year is a time of renewal, as it should be, and perhaps as parents, you might encourage your sons to take advantage of the sense of renewal which is a part of this season. A good attitude at the beginning of a new semester can establish a pattern that will make for a successful student until the end of May. Encourage your sons to seize this opportunity.

## NEW YEAR'S FACELIFT

Thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary, returning students in January were greeted with new landscaping at the side entrance to the campus (have you ever really noticed that fencing up until now?) In addition, new coats of paint now brighten the gymnasium, the halls of the Ball Building, and several classrooms. New shelving has been added in the library as well as the speech and debate room, and the library received a thorough cleaning and replacement of some carpeting. We want to encourage students to help keep these improvements looking like new.

#### NEW FACULTY

Rick Carter (MBA '62) is new to the MBA faculty this semester, replacing Bob Gideon, who resigned to pursue a career in the insurance business. No newcomer to MBA, Rick is not only an alumnus, but his mother, Mrs. Cary Carter, is a long-term faculty member, and his father the former headmaster. Rick has previously been involved in Microbe Tennis coaching here since 1975, and he has worked as a tutor with individual students. He is a former trust officer of the First American National Bank and has taught history at Barpeth Hall. Currently he is involved in real estate in addition to his part-time teaching in American History at MBA. We welcome Rick Carter to even fuller participation in the MBA community.

#### MAIS 1980

MBA faculty and administration were in attendance at the Mid-South Association of Independent Schools' Twentieth Annual Conference in Nashville November 13-15, 1980. Our headmaster, Mr. Bondurant, was in attendance at the head table in his capacity as Vice President of MAIS. Dr. Christian Mieseyer of the English Department presented at the Upper School English meeting a paper entitled "A Reading of 'Sir Gawain and the Green Knight.'" Laird Smith, Director of Development and Alumni Affairs, served as Section Chairman for the Financial Operations sessions. Finally, Dr. Don Fairbairn of the Mathematics Department served as Section Chairman for the Upper School Mathematics sessions. Other faculty members attended sessions in their areas of academic expertise. The general consensus of the meeting seemed to be that private education in America is in a strong position today, and that its future is even brighter.

#### MUS-IN-ENGLAND

In cooperation with Memphis University School, MBA is once again offering students the opportunity to participate in its Summer-Study-In-England Program. From July 2 to August 3, 1981, students will have the opportunity to learn a great deal while earning high school credit studying with renowned scholars from Oxford, Cambridge, and the University of London. Courses and workshops deal with several aspects of English culture and society and are organized by the JCA Educational Centre in cooperation with the Memphis University School. This incomparable opportunity for study and travel is available to interested MBA students. Alan Batson, who participated last year, is a vigorous promoter for the trip.

#### STUDENT ART EXHIBIT

Delicious citrus punch and homemade cookies provided by the Ladies' Auxiliary accompanied the opening of the new exhibit of a sampling of student art work at mid-year. Showings began Wednesday, January 21, and will be on display until Valentine's Day. Viewers will be greeted by a wide variety of media—sculpture, acrylic, etching, water-colors, drawing, and a viable representation of the student body. Please visit the Patrick Wilson Library for the show.

#### MBA FORENSICS—First Semester Summary

The MBA Forensics program has completed a successful first semester of competition. In the debate component of the program, students have won 123 debates against 81 losses thus far in the year. Debaters have captured awards at over eight tournaments, including Austin Peay State University, Meigswood, Mars Hill (Alabama), Madison, MTSU, Shelbyville, Grissom (Alabama) and Putnam County. Debaters are senior Matt Cassell; juniors Craig Franklin and Wyatt Wells; sophomores Lyn Robbins, Robert Brandau and John Beer, freshmen Ty Brown, Sam Chang, Bryan Hassel, Boris Lams, Tony Rafalowski, Ramon Van Riper and Griffin Vincent. The individual events squad has also been active with students reaching the final round of competition in more than four tournaments. Active events students include Seth Sharpe, Philip Meyers, Mabo Kono, Alex Grimsley, and Scott Haynes.

#### CHRISTMAS AT MBA

Although Christmas 1980 is behind us, and we all are looking forward into the promise of 1981, it is good to remember how warm and satisfying were the days of Christmas at MBA. Poinsettias decorated the office and Ball Building entryways. The MBA Chorus under the direction of Mr. Gerald Arthur presented on Thursday, December 18, their Christmas concert for the entire student body, presenting traditional sacred and secular carols—"Behold That Star," "The Little Drummer Boy," "Sleigh Ride," and "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year." With this performance, Christmas had set its seal on campus, and humming from the morning's selections echoed in us all throughout the day. On Friday, December 19, Mrs. Margo Stack and Mrs. Sandra Rhodes, two of our thoughtful mothers, served a delightful Christmas luncheon to the faculty and staff in the faculty lounge, prior to that time, various tantalizing goodies mysteriously made their appearance in the office and faculty lounge, as various good elves helped lighten Santa's burden. Finally, on Monday night, December 22, the MBA-Wallace Alumni Association held its annual Christmas dinner at the University Club of Nashville. The evening's speaker was Coach Tommy Owen, who reviewed unforgettable highlights in the recent football history of MBA. Thanks are due to Laird Smith and Supreme Court Judge Frank Drowota, president of the Alumni Association, and many others for a splendid party—a chance to renew old acquaintances and to sustain the MBA spirit.

#### MBA PLAYERS

The MBA Players will present *Antigone* on March 6-7 in the St. Cecilia Auditorium. Curtain time is 8:00 p.m. The play was adapted by Lewis Galantieri from the play by Jean Anouilh. Tickets will be available at the door.

#### MR. NOVAK REPORTS

Mr. Novak's assembly book reports continue to delight and enlighten the students. On November 6 he reviewed Phillip Knightley's *The First Casualty*, an informative work on the role of the media in reporting the fighting during World War I. Again on December 8, Barbara Tuchman's award-winning account of the Fourteenth Century came under Mr. Novak's delightfully perceptive scrutiny. One of the library's best allies, Mr. Novak conveys his personal enthusiasm for reading in these brief assembly accounts, encouraging the students to read beyond their required assignments.

#### BLOODMOBILE

The Red Cross Bloodmobile was on campus Friday, November 21, from 8:30 to 12:30. A total of 20 seniors, 6 faculty, and 1 parent (Mrs. Sue Spickard) were accepted for participation in this most vital of contributions. Plan to participate, if possible, in the next scheduled Red Cross visit, March 4.

#### FAMILIAR FACES

Many of last year's seniors appeared for a traditional return visit to campus for Thanksgiving lunch on November 24. Familiar faces included Pat Burns, Scott Campbell, Warren Coleman, Bob Daugherty, Harold Dellen, Frank Giardina, Steve Gibbs, Scott Glasgow, Chip Grimes, Steve Hall, John Hargrove, Joe Hymel, Morris Lewis, and Tim Warnock.

#### COLLEGE TRIP FOR JUNIORS

The trip for Seniors last Fall to visit colleges was of great benefit to those participating, and it is felt that a similar trip for Juniors this Spring will be of even more benefit. The trip has been scheduled for March 15-18 and will include some contact with Washington and Lee, Virginia Military Institute, University of Virginia, Bowden-Sydney, Duke, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, St. Andrews, and Davidson, with a side trip to Monticello while in that vicinity.

#### SUBSCRIPTIONS SKYROCKET

During the two-week period November 20-December 4, the Seventh and Eighth Grades conducted a magazine sale. The principal goal of the sale was to raise money to help with costs of the Washington-Williamsburg trip planned for March. Returns will be applied on an individual basis to the cost of the trip for students signed up, and the remainder goes into the respective class treasuries. Through the good offices of the Sunland Corporation, the sponsors of the sales, cash prizes were awarded to outstanding salesmen. Fifty dollars was awarded to seventh-grader Mike Walker (78) as top salesman. In a drawing for others who sold at least fifty dollars; worth of magazines, the following also won cash awards:

Rob Page (78 - \$50)  
Jeff Dukas (86 - \$25)

Steve Stroman (82 - \$15)  
Robin Henderson (85 - \$10)

A total of \$1986.21 was raised through the sale, with 40% (\$798.37) coming back to the school.

#### REVIEW SNOW POLICY

We are safely through the examination period with no snow! But to repeat for clarity's sake, classes will be held each school day unless an announcement to the contrary is made on Channel 4, Channel 5, or WSM radio. We do not want students jeopardizing life or limb to reach school during serious snow days, but we do expect every reasonable effort to be made. Parental excuses are necessary for any absence when school is in session.

#### BUT IT WAS MY MOM, DR. CRONKELL!

We want to ask your cooperation regarding morning arrivals. Please use the front drive in exiting the campus rather than circling down the side drive. This procedure will eliminate potentially dangerous confusion. We thank you for the safety of us all, for helping us with our traffic patterns.

#### SELF-STUDY

As many of you already know, this is a year of self-evaluation for every facet of MRA life as we prepare for a visiting committee from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools next fall which will assist MRA in determining its accreditation. This is a necessary professional inquiry that occurs every ten years. Committees involving trustees, administrators, faculty, staff, parents, and students have spent the fall asking serious questions of the institution--its goals, its accomplishments, its vision of the future. The answers to the questions are greatly varied--satisfying, perplexing, painful at times, but always provocative and stimulating. You will be hearing more about the Self-Study as the year proceeds; you may even be asked (or may already have been asked) to participate in some way. Please be aware that it is the intent of the self-study to realize our continuing desire to make MRA the finest institution that it can be.

#### THESPAINS ON CAMPUS

The Drama and Glee Clubs of Harpeth Hall presented December 5-6, 1980. Rogers and Hammerstein's *Oklahoma!* Enthusiastic and capable MRA participants included Miles Carlsen, Ed Brown, Drew Moore, Don Fish, Richard Brown, Kevin Drury, Ridley Wills, Jordan Asher, Michael Starr, and Doug Trapp.

#### GODSPELL

The Drama Club from St. Bernard Academy presented selections from *GODSPELL* for assembly on Tuesday, January 6. The performance was originally produced as a Christmas offering at St. Bernard's. The students were directed by Mrs. Pam Marsocci, and the musical accompanist was Mr. Tim Keogh. The enthusiastic singing brought a touch of Broadway to morning assembly.

#### AWARDS ASSEMBLY

On Monday, December 15, awards were presented for fall athletics. In Freshman Football, Coaches Steve Williams and Mike Caldwell presented letters and certificates to twenty-five students, including their managers Scott Pulliam and Tony Rafelowski. In Microbe Football, Coach Bill Compton presented letters and certificates to sixteen students, including their managers Brad Mangrum and John Bauman. In Junior Varsity Football, Coaches Floyd Elliott and Bob Gideon presented letters and certificates to forty-nine students. In the Junior School, Mr. Frank Novak and Dr. Ward's Microbe Cross-Country Team were also presented letters and certificates, with special thanks to Mrs. Ann Rau and Mr. Carey Frazier, and Chris Stephens and Robert Cooney for providing transportation. Once again, the Fall Athletic schedule was a full one, with active participation on the part of many students, and we may take satisfaction in a productive season.

#### TENNIS KING

Congratulations to Danny DeBlanc! Over the Christmas holidays, Danny was runner-up in the Boys' 16s at the Sugar Bowl Tennis Tournament in New Orleans.

#### TSSAA

In order to avoid any possible confusion, we repeat clarification concerning student eligibility for athletic competition. As set forth by the Tennessee Secondary Schools Athletic Association, a student must pass a total of four courses at the end of the first semester in order to maintain eligibility for both winter and spring athletics.

#### JUNIOR SCHOOL TRIP

Individual students in the Junior School have an exciting trip to Washington, D.C., Mount Vernon, and Williamsburg planned for Wednesday, March 18 through Saturday, March 21. Our students will first visit Arlington Cemetery, the Smithsonian Institute, including Air and Space, History and Technology, the Lincoln, Jefferson and Washington Monuments, and Embassy Row. They will then visit the White House and meet with Tennessee Senators and Congressmen in the U.S. Capitol Building. A tour of the National Gallery with special emphasis upon the "Search for Alexander" exhibit is scheduled, as is a trip to the National Archives. One night will be spent attending a play at the Ford Theater in the Kennedy Center. The Federal Bureau of Investigation is next on the agenda, followed by a visit to the Bureau of Printing and Engraving. The culmination of this carefully planned trip is the tour of Mount Vernon and Williamsburg. In preparation, members of the seventh and eighth grade classes have participated in a magazine fund-raising drive to help defray expenses. We anticipate the experience will be an exciting and informative one for our students; we await their enthusiastic return, full of accounts of the activities.

#### JUNIOR SCHOOL SENDS MONEY TO ITALY

In response to the terrible earthquakes which struck Italy in November, the students of the Junior School voted to forego their annual Christmas Party this year and donate the money they would have spent otherwise on Christmas gifts to the Italian Relief Fund set up by the American Red Cross. A total of \$150 was raised. A surprise party was given to the students on Wednesday, December 17, the day on which magazine sales' prizes were given. We sincerely appreciate and applaud the generosity of our seventh and eighth-grade students.



"THE ART OF PRINTMAKING"

Sunday, February 15, 1981, is a date to place on your calendar. On that Sunday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. an art exhibition will open in the Patrick Wilson Library, the depth and scope of which has not been seen on the MBA campus. Through the joint efforts of the Cumberland Gallery and members of the MBA community, a unique exhibition, THE ART OF PRINTMAKING, has been assembled. It is unique in its purpose which goes beyond the mere exhibiting of works of art to providing information on the process of printing and highlighting a history of printmaking. During the opening, there will be a demonstration of the etching process along with printed information comparing the old works with the new. It is a show not to miss. Works by Picasso, Leger, Motherwell, Calder, prints by Villon of Van Gogh, Corot, and Renoir, and contemporary works. Look for more information included in an invitation which is in the mail to you.

COLLEGE NIGHT AT HARPETH HALL

On February 9 at 7:30 p.m., Mr. John Griffith from Davidson College, and Mr. Fred Hargaden from Stanford University will participate in College Night at Harpeth Hall. Interested MBA students and parents have been invited to attend.